

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF
GOOD SAMARITAN NORBERT
MAGALSKI

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 15, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Norbert Magalski of Parma, Ohio, a noble Good Samaritan and Gulf War veteran who has lent a hand to many.

Mr. Magalski, as a trained emergency medical technician and tow truck operator has helped countless people on the roadside. Even in an age when people are too overwhelmed with their own priorities to lend a helping hand to strangers, he has made it a common practice in his life to help those who are in need of assistance on the road.

Mr. Magalski was injured last Thursday by a suspected drunk driver while helping a young woman who had veered off I-76 and into a guardrail. He suffered broken bones in his left leg, left shoulder and face. It will be several months before he fully recovers.

This man is truly one to be honored and emulated as he remains committed to lending a helping hand when needed. He is a modest and kind-hearted citizen who in spite of injury will continue to help strangers in need. His kindness and generosity is something that is not often seen in today's society. My thoughts and prayers are with him and his family for his quick recovery.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Norbert Magalski, whose dedication and courage in lending a hand to his fellow citizens has helped save the lives of many.

A TRIBUTE TO HELEN HANCOCK

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Helen Hancock, of Alhambra, California. Each year in March, in recognition of Women's History Month, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women.

Helen Hancock was born in Indiana in 1922. She attended Nursing School at Case Western Reserve University in Ohio as well as Redlands University in California. After completing her schooling, she served 2 years in the Army Nurse Corps during World War II. Ms. Hancock moved to California in 1953 and began working at Huntington Memorial Hospital in Pasadena. In 1959, she moved to Alhambra, California.

Less than a year after her retirement in 1988 from a 35-year career in nursing administration at Huntington Hospital, and 8 years as a Member of the State Board of Registered Nursing, Helen Hancock plunged into community volunteer work. Since then she has used her extensive nursing and administrative knowledge and skills to make a significant difference in the health and well being of countless seniors and their families.

As a senior herself, Ms. Hancock desired to help other senior citizens enjoy their retire-

ment years and began volunteering at Huntington Senior Care Network (HSCN); a Huntington Hospital community-based program that helps seniors maintain their independence. Her interview skills have added to the success of a National Council on Aging project of HSCN to enhance the health of frail seniors through increased physical activity. Helen has been a tireless advocate for seniors as a long-term care ombudsman for the Department of Aging for nearly 15 years. For nearly 25 years, she has been a resource for caregivers of Alzheimer's patients at a weekly support group, and she continues to promote Alzheimer's disease education, as well as senior services and elder abuse education, through membership in several community coalitions.

Helen is a faith community nurse coordinator for All Souls Catholic Church, as part of a program sponsored by Methodist Hospital of Southern California and All Souls Catholic Church, to improve the health of the community. She and her team conduct events that include blood pressure screenings, blood donor drives and health education presentations to reach members of their parish.

Last year, Helen was among 26 older adults honored as Outstanding California Senior Volunteer leaders by the University of California Berkeley School of Public Health.

I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in honoring a remarkable woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Helen Hancock.

HONORING RONALD HUDSON

HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of a remarkable citizen from my congressional district. Ronald Hudson, a longtime resident of Leitchfield, Kentucky, passed away February 20th at age 65. Mr. Hudson was a colorful and widely respected figure in Grayson County, having served on the Leitchfield Fire Department for 46 years, 31 of those as Chief.

In a recent feature story in the Grayson County News-Gazette, Chief Hudson described himself as "not a poster boy firefighter" when he first joined the department in 1959. With typical self deprecating humor, he described himself as "too short and too skinny, with trouble taking anything serious for any length of time." He credited the late Murrell Conklin, then Chief Emeritus of the Leitchfield Department for coaching him through his first few years, helping to mold him into a serious firefighter and public servant.

Ronald Hudson was named Chief after only 12 years of service on the department. As Chief, he was responsible for training and managing a diverse crew of firefighters, purchasing and maintaining fire apparatus, and perpetually pursuing sources of funding to keep the department running. Chief Hudson was personally responsible for countless acts of heroism throughout his four decades as a firefighter. Yet he always humbled himself with the tough reality of all emergency personnel: You can go from hero to zero and back again in a matter of seconds.

Chief Hudson's contributions to his community, staring down danger time and time again

to save lives and protect the safety and comfort of his neighbors, has made Leitchfield a fine place to live for many years. Ronald Hudson's life, career, and especially his final years fighting against his own declining health, was the true epitome of courage and generosity of spirit.

In addition to his position on the Fire Department, Chief Hudson also served as Grayson County Coroner and was a member of the American Legion Post 81, the Leitchfield Masonic Lodge, and the Fraternal Order of Police. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and owned and operated a small business from 1983 to 2002.

Ronald Hudson's distinguished life of service to his community and his country, along with his unwavering dedication to his family and fellow firefighters, is a portrait of outstanding citizenship worthy of our collective respect and appreciation. It is my great privilege to honor his memory today before the entire United States House of Representatives.

THE FEDERAL JUDGESHIP AND
ADMINISTRATIVE EFFICIENCY
ACT OF 2005

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, article III of the Constitution states that "the judicial Power of the United States, shall be vested in one supreme Court, and in such inferior Courts as the Congress may from time to time ordain and establish." At times in our Nation's history, Congress has found it necessary to realign the United States Courts of Appeals into more efficient and manageable circuits. Once again, it's time for Congress to exercise its article III powers by realigning the Ninth Circuit and creating a new Twelfth Circuit.

I am pleased to be an original co-sponsor of Judiciary Chairman SENSENBRENNER's H.R. 4093, the Federal Judgeship and Administrative Efficiency Act of 2005. In addition to creating additional federal judgeships, this legislation would divide the Ninth into two circuits. These would consist of a new Ninth made up of California, Hawaii, Guam and the Northern Marianas, and a new Twelfth with Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Montana, Idaho, Nevada, and Arizona.

Mr. Speaker, this division makes sense. Putting aside any political, historical or emotional arguments, the numbers speak for themselves. A split of the Ninth Circuit is necessary because it has become disproportionately large and unwieldy in relation to the other eleven regional circuits.

The Honorable John M. Roll, U.S. District Judge for Arizona, has recently provided me with updated statistics regarding the Ninth Circuit. This is where the Ninth Circuit stands today:

The population of the Ninth Circuit is 58 million people. This is one-fifth of the population of the United States. It is also 27 million more people than reside in the next largest circuit.

The Ninth Circuit consists of 9 states (including the most populous state), a territory, and a commonwealth. The other circuits average less than four states. No other circuit decides the law for 9 states.